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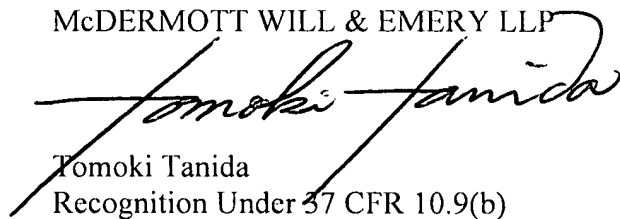
At the time of the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 30-41 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 35-41. Claims 30-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and claim 35 stands under objection as being a substantial duplicate of claim 18 (37 C.F.R. 1.75).

In this Amendment, claim 35 has been amended to correct a minor error. Claims 18 and 30-34 have been canceled, without prejudice, to obviate the issues under 35 U.S.C. §103 and 37 C.F.R. 1.75 (see paragraphs 4 and 11 of the Office Action). Therefore, the present Amendment does not generate any new matter or any new issue for that matter. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is solicited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tomoki Tanida", is written over the printed name and title.

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